



# Shenandoah County

## Conservation Easement Authority

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### MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2015; 9:00 AM

Board Conference Room

CEA Members present: Chairperson Kelly Watkinson, Co-Chairperson Dee Hockman, Leon Smith, Doug French, and Cindy Dellinger

Others Present: Garrett Morgan, Brenna McAfee

#### Call to Order

The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Watkinson at 9:00 a.m.

#### Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the CEA meeting on August 5, 2015 will be reviewed for approval during the October 7, 2015 meeting.

#### Roll back taxes

The meeting began with a discussion concerning the BOS's resolution on allocating roll-back taxes to the CEA. Members would like clarification on the allocation process. Garrett Morgan said he would speak with County Administration ahead of the next meeting. Further, Kathy Black, Commission of Revenue has agreed to present to the board on the allocation process.

#### Discussion Regarding Potential Stakeholders - Garrett Morgan

##### Public Sector

Local Governments: County government and towns need to be involved- town planners, Department of Forestry

Local Planning Commission: Leon Smith

Regional Planning District: NSVRC- Stephanie Langton

State Representatives: Todd Gilbert and Mark Obenshain should be made aware. Kelly suggests sending letters.

Health Department: No role. However, Soil and water conservation board should be involved.

VDOT: No role, except in regards to their 20 and 50 year plan and touch base regarding 6 year plan.

Extension Office: Bobby

Tourism: Jenna French, Shenandoah Valley Wineries- Steve Brown and Janet Campbell

##### Private Sector

Landowners: not applicable to this stage of this process, but there are land owners on committee

Business Associations: Farm Bureau, Rockingham Co-op, George's Chicken, Bowman-Andros

Local Corporations: Possible Homebuilders Association

News Media: Shouldn't be an option at this point

Higher Learning Establishments: FLCC, Virginia Tech students, Chris Boise from LFCC

Realtors: Cindy Dellinger

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## Community Sector

Individuals: Premature at this point

Neighborhood Groups: Premature at this point

Church Groups: Premature at this point

Environmental Groups: Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation, Forum, VCC, VOS, Friends of the North Fork

Voluntary Service Groups: Not relevant right now

Historic Societies: Already covered

Groups Representing Minorities: May be able to make contacts through an individual

Garret Morgan is going to work on organizing these prospects and creating a map. He plans on doing the majority of this step and presenting it to members during October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Discussion Regarding Fishburn Easement- Doug French**

After completing the stakeholder identification exercise, Doug French presented the authority members with his investigation into the Fishburn easement, held by the Valley Conservation Council. The agreement changed from a temporary 5-year easement to a full easement and the language concerning this change was causing confusion with real estate agents and potential purchasers of adjacent parcels.

Kelly Watkinson agreed to look into the deeds and follow up with Doug French via email after the meeting.

## **Other Business**

The next CEA meeting is scheduled for October 7th. *Meeting Adjourned.*